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OPERATION CORRIDOR – OPP AND PARTNERS TO TARGET AGGRESSIVE COMMERCIAL TRUCK DRIVERS AND UNSAFE VEHICLES

(AURORA, ON) - The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Ministry of Transportation (MTO), Ministry of the Environment (MOE) and Ontario Municipal Police Services are joining forces for Operation Corridor to crack down on aggressive commercial truck drivers and unsafe commercial vehicles on Ontario's busiest highways.

Operation Corridor is an annual 24-hour border-to-border highway safety initiative that focuses on high visibility, enforcement and safety education on major highways. The initiative runs from Tuesday June 14, at 6 a.m. to Wednesday, June 15, at 6 a.m.

"The majority of commercial drivers are conscientious professionals, but Operation Corridor continues to demonstrate that a number of commercial truck drivers drive aggressively and ignore important maintenance and mechanical problems", says Chief Superintendent Bill Grodzinski, Commander of the Highway Safety Division. "Any collisions involving large commercial vehicles are potentially devastating by virtue of the size and weight of these vehicles, thus commercial drivers need to exercise a high degree of due diligence at all times", added Grodzinski.

Last year during Operation Corridor (2010), the OPP pulled over 1,769 commercial vehicles, laying a total of 159 speeding charges. Various other charges were laid in relation to aggressive driving and unsafe commercial vehicles.

The OPP will focus on speed and moving violations, while MTO and MOE inspectors check for poorly maintained commercial vehicles, mechanical problems that render them unsafe, vehicles that do not meet emission standards and, if appropriate, take them off the road.

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